

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims.

Status of the Claims

In the present Amendment, claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 11-14 and 16-21 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Also, claim 25 has been added. Finally, claims 1-10 and 22-24 are allowed. Thus, claims 1-10 and 22-25 are pending in the present application.

No new matter has been added by way of new claim 25 since this claim has support throughout the present specification (see, e.g., pages 8 and 36).

Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for an asserted reason of indefiniteness (see paragraph 3 at pages 2-3 of the Office Action). Applicants respectfully traverse in that the disputed claim is canceled herein, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Applicants have taken substantial steps in efforts to advance prosecution of the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case.

Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance. **However, should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.**

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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